

Editors, AB

Warmest comradely greetings!

Hereunder quoted are words of caution from a US comrade with regard to the short news item on page 12 of AB june 7 issue:

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"One problem: even the best of today's vanguard parties seem afflicted with some clearly bourgeois nationalist conceptions of the struggle.

"For example, in the June 7, 2005 issue of Ang Bayan, the organ of the CPP, there is a brief article entitled, '[Filipino workers go on strike in US military base in Iraq](#)'. The article opens with the following: 'Up to 300...' (refer to 1st paragraph of news article). The article proceeds to talk about the inhumane treatment that the workers receive from the private US companies at Camp Cooke that have contracts with the US military, including Kellogg, Brown and Root (KBR), a subsidiary of Halliburton. It informed the reader that 'Filipino workers are among the lowest paid employees in Iraq.' The anti-imperialist organization, Migrante, is reported favorably to have uncritically [emphasis, mine] praised these striking workers and 'condemned the Philippine government for being indifferent to the oppression of Filipino workers in US military bases.'

"Yet AB as the organ of the CPP is itself silent on the role being played by these contract workers from the Philippines, India, etc. in objectively supporting the US imperialist occupation of Iraq. Clearly their plight being subservient to US imperialism is itself compelled by similar oppression of their country by the same enemy. Thus the common cause that should unite them. In this article, the organ of the CPP shows indifference to the plight of the Iraqi people! Instead of proletarian internationalist concern for the Iraqi workers and masses waging an armed struggle against US imperialism, the AB article is only concerned with the bread and butter demands of the Filipino contract workers in Iraq, serving US imperialism! This cannot but educate the contract workers and progressive readers of AB in the selfish spirit of bourgeois nationalism at the expense of the proletarian revolutionary cause in Iraq, in the Philippines and throughout the world.

"What has happened to the old French musketeer pledge: 'all for one and one for all'?!"

"I hope these thoughts prove helpful."

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You may publish this as a feedback and/or you can publish an article roundly condemning mercenary work for the US occupation in Iraq. Filipinos should be strongly discouraged from such work as US military base personnel, guards of buildings, truck drivers, etc.